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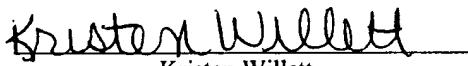
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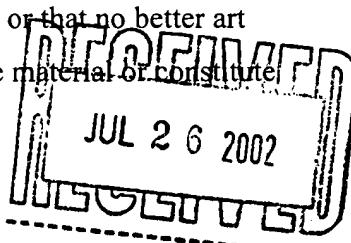
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Sir:

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97(b)(3), submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a list of publications known to Applicants and their Attorney/Agent. A copy of each publicly available document is also being submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed publications and indicate they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form 1449.

Applicants have listed dates of publication on the attached PTO-1449 for the cited documents based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed that the information in the cited documents was actually published or otherwise publicly available on the date indicated.

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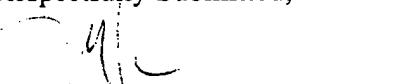
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Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 832-1770.

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